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In re Patent Application of: Frank Dietsche et al.

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FOR ESSENTIALLY CHROMIUM-FREE METHOD Examiner: M. R. Jackson FOR PASSIVATING METALLIC SURFACES

CONSISTING OF ZN, ZN ALLOYS, AL OR AL ALLOYS

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2010, and in consideration of the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.